A PROCLAMATION

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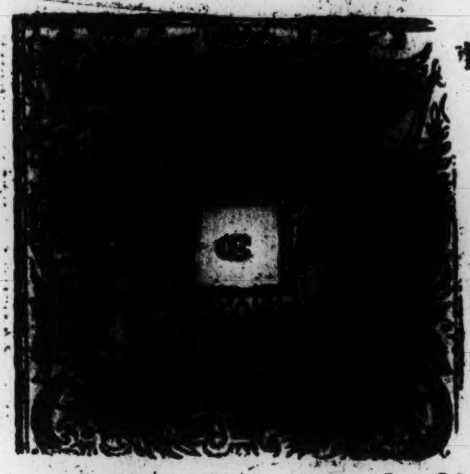
Declaring Mr. *Richard Cameron*, and others, Rebels and Traitors, &c.



CHARLES, by the Grace of God, King of Great *Britain*, *France*, and *Ireland* defender of the Faith, To Our Lyon King at Armes, and his Brethren, Heraulds, Macers, Purſevants and Meſſengers at Arms, our Sheriffs in that part, conjunctly, and ſeverally, ſpecially conſtitute, Greeting; Forasmuch, as Mr. *Richard Cameron*, *Cameron* his brother, Mr. *Thomas Douglas*, Mr. *Donald Cargill*, and others their accomplices, Have now at laſt ſhaken off all reſpect to Our Laws, and their allegeance it ſelf to Us their undoubted Soveraign, and have entered into expreſs and open Combinations and Covenants, wherein they moſt Sacrilegiouſly do by a ſolemn Oath, Ingage themſelves to diſown Us and Our Authority, and declare it not only lawfull, but a Chriſtian duty to call all Our Subjects to riſe in Arms againſt Us, and to murther ſuch as are in any Truſt or Imployment under Us, declaring Us an Uſurper, and that none ſhould obey them who are in Authority under Us, but ſuch as would obey the Devil and his Vicegerents, and that they will chuſe and ſet up Magiſtrates who ſhall govern them according to the Judicial Law of *Moſes*, and not according to the Laws made by Us or any of Our Predeceſsors: Which Covenant, with ſeveral moſt Impious, Scandalous, and Seditious Pamphlets, were taken from the ſaid Mr. *Donald Cargil*, (one of their Preachers) at the *Queens-Ferry* upon the third day of *June* inſtant. Likeas, the ſaid Mr. *Richard Cameron*, and his brother, and Mr. *Thomas Douglas*, accompanied with ſeveral Ruffians, and particularly *John Vallang*, brother in Law to *Robert Parky* one of the Bailiffs of *Sanquhar*, *Daniel Mackmitchel* [illegible]*gfoot*, *Thomas Campbel* ſon to [illegible] *Campbel* late of *Dalblair* in *Auchinleck* Paroch, *John Maudie* brother to the Miller at *Cubs-Milne* in the ſame Paroch, *John Fowller*, ſometimes ſervant to the deceaſt [illegible] *Lindſay* of *Covingtown*, *Patrick Gemill* ſon in Law to *Charles Logan*, Meſſenger at *Cunnockmaines*, *James Stewart* ſon to *Archibald Stewart* at *Calſey-end*, near to the Earl of *Galloway's* Houſe, *Alexander Gordown* called of *Kilſture*, *Francis Johnſtoun* Merchant in *Clidſdale*, [illegible] *Creichtown*, ſon to *Robert Creichtown* of *Achtitinch* now in *Water-head*, and others to the number of twenty one perſons, did upon the twenty two of *June*, enter within the Burgh of *Sanquhar*, with drawn Swords and Piſtols in their hands, and after a ſolemn proceſſion through the Town, did draw up at the Croſs, and publiſhed and affixed upon the Croſs and other publick places thereof, a moſt Treaſonable and unparraleled Paper, diſowning Us to be their King, and defaming Us with the very ſame names and deſignations uſed by the Uſurpers in their greateſt rage after they had murthered the King, our Royal and bleſsed Father of Eternal Memory, and overturned all the fundamental Laws and Rights belonging to Us and Our Subjects, whoſe principles and Foot-ſteps they exactly renew and follow; The reading and affixing of which Proclamation by theſe Traitors and Rebels being clearly proved to Our Privy Council by witneſses upon Oath; And it being notour and undeniable, that theſe Traitors, to the number of ſeventy, or thereby, continue in Armes committing all manner of Outrages and Inſolencies, We have therefore, with advice of Our Privy Council, thought fit, as uſe is in ſuch caſes, to declare the ſaid Mr. *Richard Cameron*, *Cameron* his brother, Mr. *Thomas Douglas*, Mr. *Donald Cargill*, *John Vallang*, *Daniel Mackmitchel*, *Thomas Campbel*, *John Maudy*, *Patrick Gemill*, *James Stewart*, *Alexander Gordown*, *Francis Johnſtoun* and *Creichtown*, open and notorious Traitors and Rebels againſt Us and Our Authority, impowering and requiring all Our good Subjects, to treat them as ſuch; And particularly, We hereby require and command all Our good Subjects, as they will be anſwerable upon their Allegeance, to do their outmoſt diligence to diſcover the ſaids Traitors, and to give timous Intimation with all poſſible ſpeed, in caſe they be not able to ſeize and apprehend them themſelves, to the neareſt Officer of Our ſtanding Forces, (if any be within twelve Miles) and if none be within the ſaid diſtance, to the next Magiſtrate, commanding all perſons to concur with Our Forces for apprehending the ſaid Traitors. And to the effect, the harbourers and reſetters, or thoſe who neglect to diſcover them, may be known and puniſhed, We do require the hail Heretors, or their Bailiffs or Chamberlands in caſe of the Heretors abſence, to cauſe call and cite before them in a Court, all perſons living upon their reſpective Lands, Men or Women above the age of ſixteen years, in all the Paroches underwritten, *viz.* *Carſfern*, *Balmaclellan*, *Dalry*, *Kells*, *Barr* in *Carrick*, the *Moor Kirk* of *Kyle*, *Galſtown*, *Loudon*, *Tindergarth*, *Streven*, *Leſmahago*, *Sanquher*, *Irongray*, *Glencairn*, *Cumnock*, *Monigaff*, *and Penningham*, upon the ſecond and laſt Tuedayes of *July* and *Auguſt* next: And to take the Oaths of all the ſaids perſons living upon the reſpective Lands whether any of theſe Traitors foreſaid were in that Paroch and where and when; and leſt they may pretend not to know the ſaids Traitors, that they diſcover upon Oath any ſkulking or lurking perſons which they have known to have been in that Paroch after the Publication hereof in the reſpective Shires, and the Heretors or their Bailiffs and Chamberlands in their abſence, to give an account of their diligence in Writing, within eight dayes after each Dyet foreſaid, to the Sheriffs, Stewarts, Bailiffs of Regalities, Magiſtrats of Burghs, and ſhall adjoyn thereto the following Declaration upon Oath.

I *do ſolemnly ſwear by the Eternal God, that I have truly and faithfully examined upon Oath, the whole Perſons, Men and Women living upon my Lands, who compeared, who are above the age of ſixteen Years, whereof I am Heretor, Bailiff, or Chamberlain, within the Paroch of* and that I cauſed my Officers give Execution upon Oath, that he did cite all the ſaids Perſons to the foreſaids Diets, and have given an Account of the Perſons who compeared not, or compearing, refuſed to give Oath. And in caſe the ſaids Traitors ſhould leave and diſhaunt the abovenamed Paroches, and repair to other Paroches or places, that immediatly upon notice from the Leiutenant General, or any authoriſedby him to the Sheriffs and other Magiſtrates of the reſpective Shires, where from time to time they reſort, the ſaids Magiſtrats are ordained to make intimation to the Heretors of their Bailiffs, or their Chamberlains in their abſence, to the end they may make the ſame enquiry after the ſame way and method, and to return an account of their diligence within two Months after ſuch Intimation from the Leiutenant General as aforeſaid; with certification to ſuch as compear not & Depone, ſhall be holden and repute as conniving, art and concealers, of the ſaids Traitors; and that the Heretors, or in their abſence their Balilffs & Chamberlains who ſhall not return their accounts to the ſaid reſpective Magiſtrats as aforeſaid or their Deputs, and the ſaid Magiſtrats who ſhall not return their accounts to Our Council the firſt Council day in *Auguſt*, for their diligence in *July*, and the firſt Council day of *September* for their diligence in *Auguſt*, ſhall be proceeded againſt with all rigor, as favourers, art and concealers of the ſaids Traitors. And further, We do hereby require and command all Sheriffs, Stewarts, Bailiffs of Regalities, and Magiſtrats of Burghs where the ſaids Traitors uſe to haunt or reſort, to raiſe ſuch perſons in their reſpective Juriſdictions, as they ſhall find neceſſar for that ſervice, for whom they will be anſwerable; and that the Sheriffs and other Magiſtrats foreſaids, require the aſſiſtance of the Commiſſioners of the *Militia*, in their reſpective Juriſdictions: And to ſearch for take and apprehend the ſaids Traitors in their reſpective bounds, and in caſe they flye forth thereof, to advertiſe the Neighbouring, Sheriffs, and other Magiſtrats who are appointed to do the like diligence, conform to the 144. *Act* 11. *Par.* K. *Ja.* 6. And if in purſute of the ſaids Traitors they reſiſting to be taken, any of Our ſaids Magiſtrats, or other Our good Subjects ſhall happen to kill or murdar them, or any of them, We do hereby declare that they nor none aſſiſting them ſhall ever be called in queſtion, or purſued Civilly or Criminally therefore in time coming, but that theſe Preſents ſhall be as ſufficient for their exoneration, as if they had Our ſpecial Remiſſion, and that their doing thereof ſhall be repute good and acceptable ſervice done to Us. And for the better encouragement of ſuch as ſhall apprehend and bring in the ſaids Traitors dead or alive, the Apprehender of Mr. *Richard Cameron*, ſhall, as a reward, have five thouſand Merks; and for Mr. *Thomas Douglas*, M. *Donald Cargil*, and for the ſaid *Cameron*, brother to M. *Richard*, who read and affixt the ſaid Traiterous Declaration at *Sanquar*, three thouſand Merks for each of them, and one thouſand Merks for each one of the reſt of the Traitors abovementioned, to be inſtantly payed to them by the Commiſſioners of our Theſaurary. And ordains theſe Preſents to be Printed, and publiſhed at the Mercat Croſſes of *Edinburgh*, and Mercat Croſſes of the remnant head Burghs of the ſeveral Shires of this Kingdom on the ſouth ſide of the Water of *Tay*, and other places needful, by the Sheriffs of the reſpective Shires foreſaid, that none pretend ignorance.

Given under Our Signet at Edinburgh, *the laſt day of* June, *One thouſand ſix hundred and eighty, and of Our Reign the thirty two Year.*

Per Actum Dominorum Secreti Concilii.
WILL. PATERSON, Cl. Sti. Concil

God Save the King.

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